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DEPT PASS JUSTICE - FRANK NILAND AND JAMES ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: SIT-IN AT FRENCH MISSION OVER ABU DAOUD CASE

REF USUN 97 AND 153

1. AMBASSADOR LEPRETTE (FRANCE) HAS SENT LETTER TO CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEE
ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY CONCERNING SIT-IN AT FRENCH MISSION ON
JANUARY 11TH. HE HAS ASKED THAT MATTER BE PLACED ON AGENDA OF NEXT
MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

2. TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT AT ABOUT 4.35
P.M. ON 11 JANUARY ABOUT 20 YOUNG PEOPLE BROKE INTO THE
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ENTRANCE HALL OF THE FRENCH PERMANENT MISSION AND REMAINED
THERE, WITHOUT TRYING TO ENTER THE OFFICE, SINGING AND
SHOUTING PROTEST SLOGANS CONCERNING THE ABU DAOUD AFFAIR.

THE POLICE WERE CALLED IN BY THE MISSION AND ARRIVED
PROMPTLY.

I WAS IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT AT THE TIME.
THE MINISTER COUNSELLOR OF THE MISSION, IN MY ABSENCE,
ASKED THE POLICE TO CLEAR THE MISSION PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.
HE WAS TOLD THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS REFUSED TO LEAVE
AND THAT FORCE COULD NOT BE USED AGAINST THEM UNLESS A COMPLAINT
ABOUT THEM WAS LODGED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
MISSION AT THE 17TH PRECINCT, WHICH IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA.

THE MINISTER COUNSELLOR REFUSED OUTRIGHT TO TAKE THIS
STEP AND REMINDED THE POLICE OFFICERS THAT IT WAS THE DUTY
OF THE NEW YORK AUTHORITIES UNCONDITIONALLY TO PROVIDE
PROTECTION AND FREEDOM TO OPERATE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

AS THE POLICE MAINTAINED THEIR REFUSAL TO USE FORCE,
THE OCCUPATION OF THE HALL LASTED FOR 45 MINUTES, UNTIL THE
DEMONSTRATORS' LEADER YIELDED TO THE MINISTER'S ORDER AFTER
THE MINISTER HAD POINTED OUT TO HIM, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE
REASON FOR THE BREAK-IN, THAT IT WAS NOT FOR HIM TO CRITICIZE A
DECISION MADE BY A FRENCH JUDICIAL AUTHORITY.

THE LEADER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE MINISTER COUNSELLOR,
IDENTIFIED HIMSELF (FRED PIERCE, 14752 72ND ROAD, FLUSHING, N.Y.).
HE GAVE THE OTHER DEMONSTRATORS THE SIGNAL TO GO AND THEY
LEFT ABOUT 5 P.M.

I MUST MAKE IT CLEAR THAT NO VIOLENCE WAS EMPLOYED BY ANYONE
(APART FROM THE FORCING OF THE DOOR OF THE ENTRANCE HALL).

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THIS INCIDENT AGAIN RAISES THE UNSOLVED PROBLEM OF THE
PRIOR CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE NEW YORK AUTHORITIES FOR
THE USE OF FORCE IN PUTTING A STOP TO INCIDENTS INVOLVING
INTERFERENCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF OPERATION OF THE MISSIONS
OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD HAVE THIS LETTER DISTRI-
BUTED AS A DOCUMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST
COUNTRY AND PLACE THIS MATTER ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE. UNQUOTE
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